

### **Amendments To The Specification**

At page 1, lines 12 and 13, please change the title to --JACKETED SPIRAL WOUND GASKET--

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 7, line 6 through page 8, line 8, with the following:

The present invention meets the need in the art by providing a spiral wound gasket comprising an elongate band jacketed by a sealing material. The elongate band wraps in a plurality of overlapping turns to define a radially thick gasket having an inner diameter for being exposed to a material to be sealed and an outer diameter. The jacket of the sealing material defines interior portions of the gasket having the sealing material with a first density between adjacent overlapping turns of the elongate band and defining opposing flange sealing faces of the sealing material with a second density lower than said first density, for use in sealing applications.